

S E C R E T

6 Jan 46

MEMO TO THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

SUBJECT: "MALT Operation"

FROM : SCI, MUNICH

1. ARREST OF MALT. MALT's arrest by the Nurnberg CIC and his subsequent internment at CIE No. 4, Hersbruck does not seriously interfere with our investigation into the activity of Leitstelle III/Ost. His job with the Leitstelle was that of overall responsibility and liaison to other agencies concerned: Wehrmacht Hq., Gestapo, and SD. He has already given us the general picture and all documents in his possession; he does not know details.

2. MALT's adjutant, Lt. GATZ is now living at Urfeld, Bavaria, and will be contacted within the next few days.

3. The three most important people of the Leitstelle (ALEXIN, Lt. KACZOWSKI, and Uffz. SCHUEGGGER) who now are in Vienna, will be contacted by SOI/Austria. A report describing their importance, and one known address have been forwarded to Maj. BARRY.

4. Effort will be made to locate other two very important people of the Leitstelle: Sdf. ABELS, and Sdf. FREY. ABELS has been reported as already arrested some 3 months ago, and FREY is reported to be somewhere in the vicinity of Munich. ABELS, who is a Balt and speaks Russian has been considered by MALT as his expert on the use of agents from the Baltic countries. FREY, who also speaks Russian, was in charge of the Leitstelle's camp for agents. This camp was disbanded at Freuchtlingen, Bavaria; at the time there were somewhere between 150 and 250 agents in the camp. These people are, no doubt, now in DP camps. Some of them will be possibly located.

5. The Leitstelle's main agent (PA) by the name of DIMIT-RENKO, Alias "PAUL", has been reported to be somewhere in Bavaria (Source: GUMDROP and ERMER, who was MALT's draftsman).

6. Also of importance are the documents which MALT has packed in a box and brought with him to Jachenau. These papers were removed from their hiding place (in the attic of a bathhouse in Jachenau). I am still trying to determine who could have taken them (see enclosed letter from the local policeman, Sgt. NAR; NAR was not informed about the real importance of these papers).

7. NOTE: In case there are any repercussions on our handling of MALT, the following can be pointed out:

- (a) MALT was contacted in Munich, and the local CIC was immediately informed about it (Lt. EDWARDS, CO of CIC/Munich);
- (b) G-2, Third Army was also informed about 10 days later, on 15 November 45; Cf. "Activity Report" of 15 November 1945.

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